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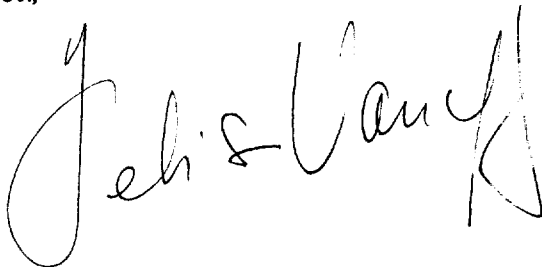
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Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
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Dear Mr. Friedman,

I urge you to act in support of the petition to classify meat from downed animals as adulterated - docket number 98P-0151/CP1. Such a classification would afford owners no incentive for prolonging the suffering of downed animals. Also, with the increasing incidence of food safety risks, the issue of downed animals is no longer simply a matter of animals' suffering but of consumers' health as well.

Thank you,



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